



## **Camp Services**

The Division of Developmental Disabilities' (DDD) Family Support program may be able to offer some assistance with payment for camp. As with all DDD services, funding for camp is based on available resources. Families are encouraged to first seek assistance for paying with camp by contacting local town recreation departments and civic groups, such as the Elks, Shriners, etc.

The deadline for submitting requests for DDD camp funding is the first Monday in May.

### **Eligibility for Family Support Funding for Camp Services**

- Individuals eligible to receive services funded by DDD and living in their own homes with uncompensated caregivers may request funding for camp.
- Individuals who receive services via an individual budget, except for those who receive self direct day services only, are not eligible for Family Support funding for camp, as they may purchase camp through their individual budget.

### **Information about Funding**

- Caregivers must be informed, at the time of application, that financial assistance cannot be guaranteed. Caregivers should always consider their ability to afford any amount of camp time that DDD cannot cover.
- DDD does not cover the costs of registration fees, transportation, or the cost of trips taken during camp.
- Some camps require that the caregiver pay all costs in advance. These camps inform caregivers that they will reimburse families the costs covered by DDD once they are paid through the DDD payment system. DDD is not specifically responsible for any promised reimbursements from camps that require advance payments. Caregivers may attempt to negotiate with camps and ask them to rely on the DDD payment system, but this negotiation must be undertaken privately by caregivers.

- As an alternative to contracted camps, DDD will attempt to pay part of the costs for up to six nights of residential camp or up to ten days of day camp for “fee for service” camps from the DDD qualified provider list. The specific amount DDD can pay toward these types of camp will be announced before the beginning of each camp season. Caregivers are responsible for covering the balance of the camp fees. A list of qualified providers can be found on the On-line Resource Database page at the Family Support Center of New Jersey’s website, <http://www.fscnj.org> or by calling 1-800-372-6510.
- The maximum amount that DDD can provide for the funding of camp is as follows:
  - Day Camp: Up to \$80 per day (\$400 per week total) for a maximum of 2 weeks
  - Overnight Camp: Up to \$800 total for a maximum of 1 week

### **How to Request Family Support Funding for Camp**

- Individuals must register with the camp before requesting DDD funding.
- A copy of the registration form and/or an acceptance letter on camp stationery is required for DDD funding.
- Families should submit their Family Support requests to their assigned DDD contact, which is either:
  - A DDD Case Manager;
  - A Support Coordinator; or
  - An Information and Referral (I&R) Specialist at the Office of Information and Assistance Services at the Division of Disability Services. (The phone number for that office is 1-888-285-3036.)

### **Notification to Caregivers**

- When a request is approved, caregivers will be notified by the camp. The camp will work directly with the caregiver to finalize details.